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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS EG
SUBJECT: YUSUF SIBAI FUNERAL

1. I HAVE JUST COME FROM MARCHING IN FUNERAL OF YUSUF SIBAI. SADAT HAD ORDERED THAT SIBAI BE GIVEN A MILITARY FUNERAL AS A "MARTYR". I DID NOT SEE SADAT, BUT HE MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT. PRIMIN, CABINET AND TOP EGYPTIAN BRASS WERE ALL ON HAND.

2. FUNERAL WAS A MOVING AFFAIR WITH THOUSANDS AROUND THE MOSQUES AND LINING THE STREETS AS THE PROCESSION MARCHED BY. ANTI-PALESTINIAN EMOTIONS RAN HIGH. AT THE MAKRAM MOSQUE, WHERE THE PROCESSION STARTED, ONE SPEAKER GOT ON A CHAIR TO EXHORT EGYPT NOT TO ALLOW THIS CRIME TO GO UNAVENGED. HE WENT ON AND ON UNTIL HE COULD BARELY CROAK HIS MESSAGE AND CONTINUED TO DO SO AS THE PROCESSION MARCHED BY. AT THE SHARKASS MOSQUE, WHERE PROCESSION ENDED, A SPEAKER ON THE SHOULDERS OF MOURNERS HARANGUED SADAT TO GET RID OF ALL THE
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PALESTINIANS, INCLUDING ARAFAT. HIS CALL WAS ECHOED BY THE ASSEMBLED MOURNERS.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GOE IS ATTEMPTING DRAW DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE REASONABLY RESPONSIBLE PLO LEADERS LIKE ARAFAT, AND REJECTIONISTS, SIBAI ASSASSINATION HAS ONCE AGAIN GENERATED INTENSE ANTI-

PALESTINIAN FEELINGS ON PART OF EGYPTIAN PUBLIC. EILTS

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